viii) For upgrading infrastructure facilities at important textile centers, a scheme " Textile Centre Infrastructure Development Scheme" (TCIDS) has been launched.

Bail out package for Textile Units

931. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has worked out a bailout package for potentially viable textile units, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the source of funding these units; and

(c) whether Government has identified location for setting up apparel parks, if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) The Government has announced a package for restructuring of debt portfolios of potentially viable textile units having debt exposures of Rs. 2.00 crores and above. This package *inter-alia* provides that banks and financial institutions would be permitted to access external commercial borrowings (ECBs) and convert rupee term loans into foreign currency loans and the recipient units would pay interest at the rate of 8% to 9% on rupee loan basis.

(c) Since the inception of scheme, eleven Project Proposals have been sanctioned for setting up Apparel Parks at Tronica City & Kanpur (U.P.), Surat (Gujarat), Thiruvanantapuram (Kerala), Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh), Ludhiana (Punjab), Bangalore (Karnataka), Tirupur & Kanchipuram (Tamil Nadu), Special Economic Zone (SEZ) Indore (Madhya Pradesh) and Mahal (Jaipur, Rajasthan).

Decline in Export of Handloom products

†932. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a decline in the export of handloom industries products during the year 2002-03;

(b) if so, the target fixed for export for the current year;

(c) what has been the actual quantum of export in this regard and the amount earned thereby; and

(d) the reasons for not achieving the target of export?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.